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SUBJECT: ENERGY AGREEMENT: INFORMATION & FORECASTING
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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO NEPOROZHNIY:

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

LET ME FIRST EXPRESS ONCE AGAIN MY APPRECIATION FOR YOUR
HOSPITALITY DURING MY RECENT VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION
FOR THE SECOND MEETING OF THE US/SOVIET JOINT COMMITTEE
ON ENERGY. THE MEETING WAS USEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE, AND WILL
PROVIDE AN IMPETUS TO OUR WORK UNDER THE AGREEMENT. THE
TRIP WAS ENJOYABLE AND REWARDING FOR MRS. O'LEARY AND
MYSELF, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOU IN THE
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UNITED STATES LATER THIS YEAR.

AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE SECOND MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP
ON ENERGY INFORMATION AND FORECASTING WAS HELD IN
WASHINGTON IN DECEMBER. THE MEETING INCLUDED TWO SEMINARS
WHICH THE US SIDE FOUND TO BE INTERESTING AND WORTHWHILE
INITIAL ACTIVITIES IN THE INFORMATION AND FORECASTING AREA.

AS WE AGREED IN MOSCOW, THERE IS A GREAT POTENTIAL FOR
EXPANSION OF COOPERATION IN THIS AREA. THE UNITED STATES

AND THE SOVIET UNION, THE TWO LARGEST ENERGY PRODUCERS AND
CONSUMERS IN THE WORLD, ARE FACING ENERGY DECISIONS WHICH
WILL AFFECT THE WELFARE OF OUR PEOPLES AND PEOPLE THROUGH-
OUT THE WORLD.

AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE ENERGY AGREEMENT IS A BETTER
MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF EACH COUNTRY'S NATIONAL ENERGY
PROGRAMS AND OUTLOOK, AS SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE II(B). IN
THIS SPIRIT, THE US SIDE PROPOSED A SERIES OF NEW
ACTIVITIES FOR THE INFORMATION AND FORECASTING WORKING
GROUP, INCLUDING:

-FORECASTS OF US/SOVIET AND REGIONAL WORLDWIDE ENERGY
BALANCES BY FUEL FOR THE YEARS 1985, 1990 AND 2000.

-A SERIES OF SEMINARS ON LONG-RANGE ENERGY POLICIES,
INCLUDING DISCUSSIONS OF THE NATIONAL ENERGY PLAN AND THE
ENERGY PROGRAMS OF THE SOVIET ELEVENTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN AND
FIFTEEN YEAR PLAN, WHEN PUBLISHED.

THESE ACTIVITIES WOULD FACILITATE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS
ON THE MAJOR ENERGY ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO OUR COUNTRIES.
THE US SIDE LOOKS FORWARD TO A POSITIVE SOVIET RESPONSE
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TO THESE PROPOSALS AND THE RAPID IMPLEMENTATION OF EXPANDED
COOPERATION ON INFORMATION AND FORECASTING. THE DEPARTMENT
OF ENERGY IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS IN DETAIL THE ENERGY
ANALYSES, PROJECTIONS, AND PROGRAMS OF THE US GOVERNMENT
AND ALL ASPECTS OF THE NATIONAL ENERGY PLAN. WE WILL CALL
ON SPECIALISTS FROM A VARIETY OF OFFICES IN THE DEPARTMENT
OF ENERGY AND ELSEWHERE TO ENSURE THAT THE US CONTRIBUTION
IS THOROUGH, DETAILED AND FORTHCOMING.

LET ME STRESS AGAIN, MR. MINISTER, MY SATISFACTION WITH
THE RESULTS OF THE SECOND JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING AND MY
PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE IMPORTANT WORK OF OUR AGREEMENT.

WITH WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS,

JOHN F. O'LEARY
DEPUTY SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY. VANCE

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